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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of November 17, 2005, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 17, 2006 and a two-month period for response set to expire on January 17, 2006.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

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